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1. DURING CALL ON AMBASSADOR JULY 3, BERT VIECELI OF MOL ENTERPRISES SAID MOL'S CONTRACT WITH THE BDG IS STILL OPERATIVE. VIECELI SAID THAT THE CHCNF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS AND AGRICULTURE SECRETARY HAVE INDICATED A DESIRE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF MONKEYS EXPORTED TO 1,000-2,000 A YEAR, BUT THEY HAVE NEVER MENTIONED CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT. HE ASKED FOR EMBASSY'S HELP IN PERSUADING BDG TO ALLOW EXPORTS OF AT LEAST 3,600 A YEAR. MOL'S TEN-YEAR CONTRACT CALLS FOR EXPORT OF 5,000 MONKEYS THE FIRST YEAR (52 WERE ACTUALLY EXPORTED), 6,000 THE SECOND YEAR AND 7,500 IN SUCCEEDING YEARS. THE AMBASSADOR TOLD VIECELI U.S. IS VERY INTERESTED IN AN ASSURED SUPPLY OF PRIMATES AND THAT EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO DO WHAT IT CAN TO FACILITATE THIS.

2. VIECELI AND TWO COLLEAGUES, DR. MATTHEW MABERRY AND
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THOMAS O'LOUGHLIN, HAVE BEEN IN BANGLADESH THE PAST MONTH TO BEGIN FULL SCALE OPERATION OF THEIR EXPORT CONTRACT. DR. MABERRY, A VETERINARIAN, WILL SUPERVISE CONSTRUCTION OF A BREEDING FARM AND COLLECTION AREA CALLED FOR IN THE CONTRACT. HE AND O'LOUGHLIN RETURNED TO THE U.S. LAST WEEK TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH NIH UNDER WHICH MOL WILL PROVIDE NIH 3,600 MONKEYS A YEAR FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

VIECELI PROVIDED US A COPY OF A DRAFT CONTRACT AS DRAWN
UP BY NIH ENTITLED "SOLICITATION OFFER AND AWARD" NO.
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3. VIECELI SAID THAT NIH HAD EXEMPTED MONKEYS PROVIDED
UNDER THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH MOL FOR REQUIREMENT
MENTIONED PARA 3 REF (A) THAT RHESUS MONKEYS MUST BE HELD
AT BREEDING CENTER UPON REACHING U.S.

4. IN LATE MAY SOUTHERN DEVELOPMENT CORP. REPRESENTATIVE
TOLD EMBOFF THAT BDG HAD SENT LETTER TO MOL ASKING THEM
TO SHOW CAUSE WHY CONTRACT SHOULD NOT BE CANCELLED. WE
HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM THIS REPORT, NOR HAVE WE
HEARD ANYTHING FURTHER REGARDING CAMPBELL'S PLANS AS OUT-
LINED REF (B). IN LIGHT OF VIECELI'S STATEMENTS, WE
ASSUME THAT MOL'S EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE IS STILL OPERATIVE.
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